

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2006

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Project: Former Camp Butner Restoration Advisory Board

Date: October 26, 2006, 6:30 – 7:55 p.m.

Place: Butner Town Operations Building

Butner, North Carolina

Attendees: Sam Colella, USACE Wilmington (Co-Chair, Government Representative), Amy Blalock, Granville County Resident (Co-Chair, Community Representative); Barry Baker, Granville County Senior Planner; Marti Morgan, NCDENR Engineer, Hope Taylor-Guevara, Granville County Resident; Linda Starks, EPA; Art Shacter, NC Division of Environment and Natural Resources (State Representative); Richard Veazey, Granville County Resident; Scott Strickland, Butner Public Safety; Tom McGee, Butner Manager; Bob Nore, USA Environmental.

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Topic: RAB Meeting 9

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 6:30 p.m. Co-Chairperson Amy Blalock called the meeting to order. She noted the members that were not present. They are Doug Logan, Kent Cash and Edgar Smoak. It was noted that Linda Starks with EPA would be replacing Ken Lucas.

Scott Strickland related that Doug Logan had contacted him and stated that he would not be able to attend the RAB meeting and that he would be giving Mr. Logan's report.

Scott Strickland motioned to approve the minutes of July 24, 2006 as presented, seconded by Barry Baker and the motion was unanimously carried.

PROGRESS OF WORK COMPLETED - UPDATE

Bob Nore reported on the Work Update as follows:

Lakeview Subdivision –16 Acres and 10 Acres of Buffer Area

Area 4A – 34 acres

Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC)

-37 MM projectile (Lakeview Area)

-MK 9 rifle grenade (Area 4A)

Surface and Subsurface Clearance (In both Lakeview and Area 4A)

Detection limit – 11 diameters of MEC item

WORK COMPLETED- LAKEVIEW

- Mobilized 8/21
- Work complete 10/11
- Grids cleared – 42 of 43
- Number of digs – 4,715 (They could have dug up to 11,000 but several property owners revoked their ROE.)
- MEC items
 - One (1) Partial 2.36” rocket warhead;
 - One (1) M9 rifle grenade.

Mr. Nore stated that on the Daniel’s property, they were given the ROE, but the boyfriend showed up before they were finished and they were forced to quit the work. Mr. Nore related that he offered to come back and finish the work but no one has called to reschedule. (It was noted that dogs on the Daniel property were of danger to the men working.) Mr. Nore explained that once they moved their equipment out, they would be done. Ms. Blalock related that the Daniel’s name would be placed at the bottom of the list for completion of their property.

At this point, Mr. Nore presented a “Status Map” of Lakeview Subdivision and noted the areas that they have been able to work and the various stages of completion. They have received Quality Assurance checks on areas that are complete. Mr. Nore also pointed out areas that were revoked because of right of entry (ROE). He stated that they had completed a substantial amount of work hours in these areas; flagging the anomalies and having to go back and pull these flags. When questioned why the landowners had revoked, Mr. Nore related several examples: He related that Mr. Tilley did not want them clearing on his lawn because he had just installed a septic system and had some lawn work completed and that Mr. Tilley stated he wasn’t “worried about it and didn’t want them clearing it”. Another landowner, Mr. Evans had just cleared some of his property for a horse pasture. Mr. Evans had agreed to hold off on the seeding until they had flagged and cleared the land and then he decided he couldn’t hold off any longer and told them to pull their flags, to which Nore stated that they did pull the flags. He stated that Mr. Evans owns a large portion of the property on the northern part of the area and also the pie-shaped area (in the middle). Mr. Nore stated that the northern part of the area is where a 37 millimeter (mm) projection was found during the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) in August 2002 and the Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) in January 2003, but they were forced to leave the area.

Mr. Nore continued to relate that upon the Daniel property they were able to clear an area up to 200 feet of the house. When her boyfriend showed up at noon, they were forced to discontinue clearance as they are not able to clear within 200 feet of a house unless the house has been evacuated. Mr. Nore related that they had offered to reschedule to finish the work but the landowner never called back.

WORK COMPLETED –AREA 4A

- Work completed September 20, 2006
 - Work completed before Thanksgiving
 - Grids cleared – 26 of 51
 - Digs completed – 5665
 - MEC items
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- Eight (8) 2.36 – inch rockets or rocket motors
 - Three (3) M9 rifle grenades
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At this point, Mr. Nore displayed a “Status Map” of Area 4A. He noted that this area is off Range Road, about 3 miles North of Old 75. He stated that they began work in this area September 20, 2006 and they are about half-complete. They have cleared 26 grids out of 51 and they propose to finish working in this area before Thanksgiving. He further noted that (so far) they have dug 5665 anomalies. He noted that they have been making good progress in this area and thus far they have found; eight (8) 2.36” rockets, and three (3) M9 rifle grenades. When asked if these items were live, Mr. Nore replied “we couldn’t tell if they were live, so we had to set a charge on them”. At this point, Mr. Nore presented a map showing the areas that they have and have not cleared. He noted that in the past week they have been working in the northwest corner.

REMOVAL PROCEDURES

- Survey the boundaries (26 acre boundary of Lakeview and 34 acre boundary of area 4 A)
- Lay out grids (60 x 60 meters--which are approximately 1 acre)
- Clear vegetation and surface clutter (So that metal detectors can receive good readings.)
- Evacuate/traffic control
- Mag/flag/dig (1.5 m lanes)
- Dispose of MEC/MD
- Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC); these could contain explosives
- Munitions debris (MD) – once it has been demolished it is called MD

QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE

- QC Process – is completed by USA Environmental. A crew- member is on site to maintain the quality of work.
 - UXO - QC
 - Geophysical test strip (This test is completed each morning.)
 - Daily equipment checks
 - QC seed items (The seed items are placed in the grids and the metal detector *has* to find these seed items in order for the grid to pass, if it does not pass then the grid has to be swept again.)

-QC sweep person (This person follows behind the sweep team and he sweeps about 10 % of the grid that has been cleared to insure that all suspicious items have been detected.)

- QA Process – USACE (Corps of Engineers)
The Corps of Engineers completes this process, they check to make sure that the QC Process has been completed.
OE Safety Specialist Oversight
QA Sweep

NOTABLE ACTIONS – LAKEVIEW

- Evacuations – They lodged 5 families for a total of 23 evacuation days while they cleared their property during the periods of September 5-7 and September 18-21. Some of the families returned home early, therefore they had to use the open front barricades.
- Off duty-police was retained for traffic control to insure that a 980 foot exclusion zone was adhered to (Residents were not allowed to be within 980 feet of the work zone.)
- Miniature open front barricades used
- Right of Entry (ROE) was revoked on the Evans property. (This was a significant hit on the work.)
- The Tilley's gave them conditional ROE. They could only clear where there was no lawn.
- The Daniel's gave them conditional ROE. They were only allowed to clear in the woods.

NOTABLE ACTIONS – AREA 4 A

- Traffic Control on Range Road. Mr. Nore related that traffic is stopped for 15 minutes at a time to allow the crews to complete their work, and traffic is allowed to go through for 5 minutes before traffic is stopped again. Mr. Nore noted that, thus far, they have not received any complaints for the traffic stops.
- Exclusion Zone – 809 feet
- Remote removal of 2.36" rocket from owner's yard. Mr. Nore related that the landowner reported that he had found the 2.36" rocket to which the crew removed the rocket and blew it up. He noted that it was not a practice rocket and that it was dangerous.
- Re-calibration of detection equipment due to high # of anomalies.
- Additional survey of property lines due to some property owners that refused to give ROE. They had to insure that they worked right up to the owners' property line and not go over. (This was also completed in Lakeview as well as Area 4A.)

Mr. Nore stated that in Area 4A they placed thousand of flags and eventually they had to re-calibrate their detection equipment in order to cut down on the flags they were placing.

Mr. Nore showed a picture of a miniature open front barricade and explained how the crew-member would dig where the flag was placed and if a round goes off it will deflect the blast in his direction. Mr. Nore stated that they would work up to 200 feet to a house using this equipment but if they had to work closer to the house, then the house would have to be evacuated.

NEXT PHASE

1. Area 4 C in Range Complex 2
2. Area 4 D in Range Complex 1

Mr. Nore continued to relate that Area 4 C and 4 D will be worked next. He stated that they are gathering information on the properties in order to get ROE. He stated that the crew would take a break before they begin working in Areas 4C and 4D. He noted that this will give them time to review the map and to locate residents since the area is more spread out (this area does not have subdivisions).

Mr. Veazey questioned why some of the landowners would not sign the ROE letters that were mailed to them. Mr. Nore related that some of the landowners would not sign unless they approached them personally, some just will not respond/will not answer the mail, and some landowners do not want you on their land.

Mr. McGee stated that he felt like landowners was not signing the ROE letter because of the way it is presented to them in the letter and/or explained to them. Mr. Sam Colella related that he would reexamine the letter.

(Mr. Art Shacter asked that a copy of the presentation be presented a long with the minutes.)

RIGHT OF ENTRY (ROE) PRESENTATION

Mr. Colella briefly noted the progress in Area 4A, 4C and 4D. He noted that Area 4A has been well covered by Mr. Nore and further noted that in area 4C they have 12 of 13 ROEs and in area 4D they have 18 of 20 ROEs.

Linda Starks with EPA briefly explained how they deal with ROEs. She noted that they call it access agreement and they give 30 day prior notice before they go on the property. She stated that she was thinking about how EPA could help RAB get the message out to the public (flyers, mail list, etc.) to let them know what is going on

The RAB briefly discussed the mail out letter to the residents. It was noted that it is a “standard letter” and the ROE was good for 6 months and/or 1 year.

EXPLOSIVES SAFETY SUBMISSION

Mr. Colella related that the Explosives Safety Submission (ESS) was approved by U.S.A. Tech Center for Explosive Safety (USATCES) and Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) on October 4, 2006, to authorize the removal action to be conducted at Areas 4C (except for the Glosson and Blalock residences) and Area 4D. The DDESB has indicated the Glosson property will be covered in a subsequent ESS. The 2 acre clearance for the Blalock property was already conducted in a separate action in 2004.

UXO SIGN UPDATE

Mr. Colella explained to the RAB that the Wilmington District Contract Office indicated they solicited the work four (4) times to the list of contractors provided by the NCDOT and other potential contractors. He stated that they have received no proposals and only one inquiry, which were pursued but that the contractor never submitted a proposal. A friend of a District Employee to no avail also considered the work. When asked, Mr. Colella related that the NCDOT indicated that the typical cost for their sign installation has been approximately \$75.00. There are currently 35 signs that require installation.

Due to expiration of the funds at the end of the fiscal year, the solicitation was pulled back. The scope of work will be reviewed to determine if additional specific information is necessary prior to solicitation again.

Mr. Baker related to Mr. Colella that Ms. Sandy Woody, Street Coordinator for Granville County might be of assistance to him. Her responsibility is the installation of street signs. Her contact number is (919) 692-1278.

Mr. Veazey stated that for those property owners whose land has not been surveyed and they know there is ordnance on their property, they may want to post some cardboard signs (reasonable price) to alert hunters and/or people wandering on said property of possible ordnance. The RAB briefly discussed different types of signs that the property owners could place on their property; ex. "danger sign". Mr. Colella stated that he would take this suggestion back to Mr. Livermore for discussion.

INVOLVEMENT UP-DATE

Ms. Blalock explained that "Public Safety Day" (PSD) was canceled due to inclement weather. She noted that the RAB had proposed to have a booth at PSD explaining the work of the RAB and the clean up effort. Ms. Blalock related that Diane Tarrant had volunteered to man the booth. Mr. Strickland related that the PSD has not been rescheduled, even though; they are looking at having a smaller version of the initial PSD sometime after the holidays.

SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

Diana Tarrant shared with the RAB a flyer that she had proposed to give out on Public Safety Day (PSD). She also stated that this would be a good source to put in the newspaper. Ms. Tarrant also shared with the RAB an article stating that two (2) children were killed and six (6) others were injured in an explosion in Bakersfield, California.

Ms. Tarrant related that Doug Logan is working with her on the School Program sub-committee and invited others to join them. At this point, she stated that coloring books and video were distributed at the Butner-Stem Elementary School and the Butner-Stem Middle School in fall 2005. She stated that on 10/24/06 Stephen Hester, Principal at Butner-Stem Elementary School related they were not able to implement the program in 2005-06 school year. But they were planning to implement the video and coloring book in 2006-07 school year with grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and will target 3rd graders in subsequent years.

Ms. Tarrant related that at the Butner-Stem Middle School, Ms. Donna McLamb, Principal, stated that the DVD was showed to all of the students in the social studies classes within a one week period last year, and may show it to 6th graders in future years. In addition, they sent flyer home to all parents and will give information and show the video to all new students. She also noted that they did not receive any concerns from the parents.

Ms. Tarrant noted the “**Schools to Follow-up**” as follows:

- Durham – gave material and video in summer 2005, they planned to put the information out through their PTA
- Person – gave material and video in summer 2005
- Hawley Middle School – information given to school and would be noted during School Safety Week
- Possibly – South Granville High School of Health and Life Sciences
- South Granville Athletic Association and CARE – give brochure to Coaches that may use the fields in Butner
- Christian Faith Center in Butner

At this point, Ms. Tarrant expressed additional ideas for **Community Outreach** as follows:

- Public libraries
- Scouts (boys and girls)
- Ministerial groups
- Hunting clubs
- Special interest groups (wildlife, etc.)

Butner Public Safety Day was rained out in 2006 but hope to participate in October 2007.

ORDNANCE DISCOVERY UPDATE

Mr. Strickland related that Mr. Veazey, on his property, had found seven (7) bones of a bazooka round (the tail end). He stated that the tail end of bones of a bazooka round was also found on Enon Road. EOD exploded the ordnance.

Mr. Strickland related that EOD would be a good source to give presentations to the schools.

RAB MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Blalock noted that Ms. Susan Bass has submitted an application for consideration as a member of the RAB. Ms. Blalock continued to introduce Ms. Bass to the RAB. The board briefly reviewed Ms. Bass application.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Amy Blalock nominated Susan Bass as a RAB member. It was seconded by Art Shacter and was unanimously carried.

Ms. Blalock related that this would be the last meeting that she would be serving as co-chairperson. After a brief discussion, Art Shacter nominated Richard Veazey as co-chairman. It was seconded by Scott Strickland and was unanimously carried.

Ms. Blalock related that the next regular RAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at the Butner Town Operations Building.

CLOSING/ACTION ITEMS

- Work update
- Right of Entry
- UXO Signs
- School/Education
- Discovery update
- RAB membership

PRESENTATION

On behalf of Colonel John E. Pulliam, Jr., U.S. Army District Commander, Mr. Colella presented Ms. Amy Blalock a "Letter of Appreciation" for her service as the Co-Chairperson, Community Representative of the RAB. Mr. Colella also presented to Ms. Blalock a "District Coin".

Upon a motion of Amy Blalock, seconded by Scott Strickland and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.